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Johnson, Kennedy, Helms tools of socialism: Strom

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Strom Thurmond (R., S. C.) has called President Johnson, Vice-President Humphrey, Sen. Robert Kennedy (D., N. Y.) and CIA Director Richard Helms tools of socialism.

"The President and his closest advisors knew at all times what the CIA was doing ... building socialism behind the backs of the American people,"

Thurmond said in a speech before the Young Americans for Freedom in Cleveland, Ohio, last weekend. He referred to the finances of student organizations by CIA.

"The sympathy of U. S. policy makers toward socialism," he said, "is not mere blindness nor ill-conceived judgment. The encouragement has been a carefully conceived policy."

Thurmond compared this policy — what he called "The Cultural Revolution, USA" — to the cultural revolution now going on in China.

"In our own country, a covert arm of the government, acting under order, has been conducting a similar campaign against American values," he said. "The CIA has been used for the development of socialism both at home and abroad."

U. S. policy has been one of developing "a world socialist order" in which the U. S. would "simply be another socialistic cog" to bring about "mutual accomendation," he said.

The Consular Treaty with Russia, the East-West Trade bill, and the Space Treaty, he

said are each steps to "mutual accomendation" with the Russians.

"Mutual accomendation" he said, "means the subordination of the U. S. to a global community." It "is the motivation for the incessant campaign to keep the military subordinated to civilian control."

Thurmond, however, said that this "is not a policy acceptable to the mass of the American people."

But still, he said, we let the socialists attack American values. "Students leave their

books behind and march in the street for emotion instead of ideas. Professors seek to shape their students' minds by suppressing acts, limiting alternatives and denigrating loyalty to parents, country, and God," he said.

"The mass media distort ... and worst of all — the bureaucrats in government feel they are perfectly justified to use the organs and resources of government to remake social patterns, to propagandize for governmental control, and to beat reluctant citizens down by force."